

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges the allowable subject matter of claims 18-27. By this Amendment, independent claim 18 has been amended to correct a minor informality. No new matter has been added. Claims 18-41 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection based upon the above amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 18 is objected to because of a formality. Applicant has amended claim 18. Accordingly, the objection is overcome.

The Office Action rejected claims 28-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,445,428, issued to Fujikawa et al. ("Fujikawa"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,970, issued to Kim. Applicant traverses the rejection because neither Fujikawa nor Kim, analyzed alone or in combination, teach or suggest the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. In particular, Fujikawa and Kim fail to teach or suggest a method for manufacturing an in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display (LCD) device that includes, among other features, "forming a pixel electrode on the buffer layer"(emphasis added), as recited in independent claim 28 and its dependent claims 29-41 of the present application.

In Fujikawa, pixel electrode 29 is provided on the protection insulation film 28; whereas, in Kim, the upper portion of the pixel electrode 40 is formed on insulating layer 80 and the lower portion of the pixel electrode 40 is connected to the drain electrode 720. As such, Fujikawa and Kim fail to teach or suggest "forming a pixel electrode on the buffer layer" as required in claims 28-41 of the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-41 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed for the one-month extension fee. No additional fees are believed due at this time. Please charge any additional charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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